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LARRY LIPPINCOTT
... Torrance High President

2 High Schools Name Officers

Arlene Lesar will be the first student body president at North Torrance High School this fall, while Larry Lippincott will head students at Torrance High School.

This was decided by students casting their votes for officers at both schools Friday at Torrance High School.

Runoffs will be necessary for some offices where no student received a majority.

In winning the presidency of the student body, Miss Lesar will be the first woman in recent years to win the top office in a local high school. Lippincott will study in Germany for six weeks this summer as a representative of the American Field Service.

Bob Elston Named
At Torrance High School.

BLOOD BANK TIME NEAR

"Give a Pint to Save a Life" is the slogan for the blood bank to be held 3:30 p.m., Monday, June 13, at Torrance Civic Auditorium.

The American National Red Cross, Torrance Branch, is conducting the blood bank.

Mrs. Gordon Jones, chairman, said new groups are invited to set up their programs for June 13 by telephoning her, or her co-chairmen, Mrs. William Cochran or Mrs. David McMillan.

Those under 21 may donate, but must call in advance to arrange for signing of release slips by parents.

Let's Work in Harmony, Chamber President Says

"There definitely is no reason for any misunderstanding arising between the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Merchants Division," President Paul D. Loranger said yesterday in commenting on publicity given to a letter to the city council proposing use of El Prado Park for off-street parking.

"I don't think any tempers are flaring" on either side. When the resolution was passed, determining a policy for all divisions and committees of the Chamber relating to public policy, I made it very clear that the action taken was in no sense a chastisement of anyone.

"Being a retailer myself, I am very sympathetic with the problems and needs of our downtown merchants. The Chamber needs and expects their support and certainly the Board of Directors want to be helpful to any segment within the organization.

"Let's not have any further controversy on this subject. We have plenty of work to do and we must work in harmony," he concluded.

El Nido Annexing Delayed

The annexation of El Nido would be more of a liability than asset to Torrance, the Planning Commission committee studying the proposal told the Commission Wednesday night.

Chairman Bert Lynn said the committee could not recommend annexation at this time. There is no planned zoning and no sidewalks in the area, he said. Commissioner J. A. Beasley pointed out that El Nido also has drainage problems.

Commissioner Thirvin Fleetwood declared that since the Torrance School District has to maintain a school in the area, it should be a part of the city.

After a long discussion, the matter was continued for 90 days.

Teenager Trio Faces Charge of Attacking Girl

Three teenage Torrance youths face a statutory rape charge on complaint of a 15-year-old high school girl that the boys forced their attentions on her after driving to old Little League Ball Park at Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Highway Thursday afternoon.

The girl said that after she alighted at 2:45 p.m. from a school bus at Calle Mayor and Monte Dora, the boys picked her up, offering to give her a ride to her home in Hollywood Riviera.

They drove around, she related, and about 3:30 p.m. went to the ball park.

She said that she was afraid to offer resistance to their advances.

After the alleged acts the boys took her to Torrance and let her out of the automobile. She was given transportation home by a lifeguard, told her mother what had happened, and after the father's return home police were notified.

Four boys in the car (the fourth is not charged with rape) were apprehended by juvenile officers, petitions have been filed, and a hearing in the case will be held within three weeks at Long Beach Juvenile Court. They are in custody of their parents pending hearings. Three are 15, one is 17.

Sgt. D. C. Cook, juvenile officer, assisted by Officer Gus Rethwisch, took over investigation of the case Friday morning.

Cook said he found parents of the youth's cooperative, but "hurt" that their sons should have become involved. None had previously been in any serious juvenile investigations.

Bob Elston will be student body vice president, while other commissioners chosen were as follows:

Alex Merola, records; Marilyn Moss, finance; Penny Sena, pep; Tom Quaggin, group control; run-off between Herman Cobrea and Mike Bertolet, athletics; Linda Halberg, activities; Lorna Hall, publicity.

Dennis Moss will head the Boys' League, while Linda Thistle will be president of the Girls' League.

Class presidents will be Sherwood Tiernan, senior; Richard Bentwood, junior; and Alice Mewborn, sophomore.

North Torrance Elects
At North Torrance High School, Tom Nakawatase was chosen vice president, while commissioners are Martha Mori, records; Reiko Tento, finance; Gayle Carothers, pep; Linda Lawton, group control; James Bald, athletics; Ikuko Kato, activities; Virginia Fazio, publicity.

Beth Ladd will head the Girls' League, while no candidate ran for Boys' League president.

Class presidents are Judy Okada, senior; Linda Kelly, junior; and Tom Okada, sophomore.

Must Fence Area
In the new variance proposal approved by the Planners, Guenser would be limited to a small portion of the original site, and would have to fence it and plant two rows of trees for screening purposes.

Other conditions of the approval called for Guenser to release the present pit to the city immediately to permit filling and that the city be permitted to reclaim the new pit as long as it does not interfere with mining operations.

The pit areas are to be deeded to the city at \$1 an acre and made available when filled to the Recreation Department for park purposes.

To lessen the nuisance of the filling operations, the trucks hauling fill into the pits would have to enter from the north or from Western Ave., and not through residential streets of the area.

Under the present terms of Guenser's permit to mine the area, the city can not gain possession of the property for filling until 1959 and it would take another three or four years to fill, it was brought out at the meeting.

Worth \$100,000 to City
In his recommendation for approval, Commissioner Lynn said the properties would be worth about \$100,000 to the city, that the limitations put on the size of the mining area and the stipulation that construction of new developments must be started on the remaining area erased the school board objections, that the recreation area to be provided was needed by the city, and that the reclamation pits were needed by Torrance.

Voting with Lynn to approve

the variance as modified were Commissioners J. A. Beasley, William A. Mason, R. S. Whitcomb, and Laurence Wing. Voting against the variance were Thirvin D. Fleetwood, John Mulvihill, E. F. Schoonover, and President Beverly Smith.

The matter now will be considered by the City Council, which has the final say on the granting of the variance.

In other action, the Planners unanimously turned thumbs down on a request by George W. Thomas to operate a retail store to sell bread, milk, and allied items in conjunction with a poultry ranch at 4127 W. 182nd St., which he has operated for six years.

Commissioner John Schoonover said he would not approve of such a store in that zone, and especially in buildings located there now. Thomas said he would fix up the buildings, but could not blacktop a parking lot.

A committee was appointed to study the possible rezoning of property adjoining that of Herman O. Barton in North Torrance, and a formal hearing on the matter will be held on June 15.

Crenshaw Hearing
The first formal hearing on the rezoning of Crenshaw Blvd. between Sierra Way and Monterey will also be held on June 15. It has been proposed that the zoning of the entire street should be from two-family residential to general commercial.

The petition of the Edison Securities Co. for a change of zone to commercial property at the south side of Sepulveda Blvd. at Madrona Ave. was referred to committee, with the first formal hearing on June 15.

Also sent to committee before the first formal hearing on June 15 was the petition of Houck-Carpenter for variance and conditional permit to rearrange parking facilities on property at 2516-18-20 Torrance Blvd.

Board Meets Tuesday
The Shoestring Advisory Board will hold a meeting tomorrow night at 7:30 in the Normandie Recreation Center.

Councilman John Gibson and Joe Goss will tell board members about future plans of Los Angeles for the area. Work has begun on paving 22nd St., with 224th St. construction set next.



CHARITY FUND DISTRIBUTED... Charity funds collected by local teachers during the past year, totaling \$4240, were distributed Wednesday by James Halle, president of the local unit of the California Teachers Assn. Watching as Halle signs their checks are (front) H. W. Creeger, Torrance Memorial Hospital, \$1688; Halle; Mayor Albert Isen, Red Cross, \$267; (back) Ralph B. Elliot, Community Chest, \$1130; Stanley Roberts, YMCA, \$566; and John W. Strom, chairman of the charity committee.

Brick Pit Wins Planning Approval by 5-4 Margin

Request of H. M. Guenser for a variance to permit expansion of his brick clay mining operation in north Torrance won the approval of the Planning Commission by a one-vote margin here Wednesday evening.

Voting on the recommendation of Commissioner Bert Lynn, who had headed up an investigating committee, the planners split 5-4 in favor of recommending a watered down version of the variance to the City Council.

In the plan approved by the Planning Commission, Guenser would be permitted to mine only about one-third of the area originally planned, and he would have to release the balance of the land for subdivision before he could start the mining operation.

Opposition to the variance was still voiced by representatives of North Torrance residents. Jack White, former president of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn., told members of the Planning Commission that North Torrance residents "intends to carry this thing to the limit of their ability to ask the Council to enforce the Kathy Fiscus law, which is not being enforced in the present excavation, and to carry before the Council a petition for an ordinance such as 12 other cities in Southern California have done to prohibit any type of excavation of this sort in the City of Torrance."

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CUBS MAKE CIVIC CENTER... Inspecting the scale models made by members of Cub Pack 201-c, for display at the Scout-O-Rama held last week end at the Memorial Coliseum are Cubmaster Bob Hagenbaugh and Cub Gary Greg. Shown in the foreground are the facilities at the Civic Center—swimming pool, Police Station, and City Hall—while in the background are a Little League Ball Diamond, the new Fire Station, and Madrona School. In the rear is a topographic map of the Torrance area.

15 Polls Open Here Tomorrow

Torrance voters will decide tomorrow whether an additional \$10,000,000 bond issue for new schools should be authorized.

More than 19,000 persons will be eligible to cast their ballots in the election, with 15 polling places open. A two-thirds majority is needed for passage of the bond issue.

The bond issue has been endorsed by the Torrance Industries Tax Committee, the Chamber of Commerce, the City Council, the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee, the Torrance Council PTA, Torrance HERALD, and General Petroleum Corp.

School officials say that the money is needed to provide facilities for the rapidly increasing youth population of Torrance. They estimate that attendance at local schools will have more than doubled in 1960—with an estimated 30,000 children then compared with 12,000 children now. This would require a duplication of present facilities.

Bonds To Be Sold
Bonds would be sold, school officials say, as the bonding capacity of the district increases from assessed valuation and growth. The first year, some \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 would be available for schools. The major portion of this would go toward construction of a South Torrance High School, which, it is hoped, will be ready by 1957.

The additional funds would also be used to buy more sites and build more elementary schools. Although only 285 seniors are graduating from Torrance High School this year, it is estimated that some 2100 children will enter kindergarten this fall.

Bond Issue Better
Members of the Board of Education feel that the issuance of bonds would be superior to a \$1 override tax, since it will add only 10 cents to the tax rate, while a tax would add \$1. Under present plans the payoff schedule would cover a 20-year period. About two-thirds of the property tax bills are paid by the Torrance industries.

Election precincts for the voting are as follows:

Precinct No. 1—4735 Cadison St., including all of Torrance City General Election precinct 42 lying west of Hawthorne Blvd.

Precinct No. 2—Perry Elementary School, 17831 Prairie Ave., including all of El Nido General Election precinct 1, Redondo Beach City General Election Precinct 38, and Torrance precinct 20, 59, 60, and 65, and all of Torrance precinct 43 west of Prairie Ave.

Precinct No. 3—Carr Elementary School, 3404 W. 168th St., including all of Torrance precincts 34, 35, 42, and 58.

North Torrance to Vote
Precinct No. 4—North Torrance Elementary School, including all of Torrance precincts 1, 40, 47, and 51.

Precinct No. 5—Crenshaw Elementary School, 18220 Crenshaw Blvd., including all of Torrance precincts 41, 47, and the part of precinct 43 east of Prairie Ave.

Precinct No. 6—Madrona Elementary School, 21384 Madrona Ave., including Torrance precincts 48, 49, 50, and the part of precinct 42 east of Hawthorne Ave.

Precinct No. 7—Greenwood Elementary School, 1520 Greenwood Ave., including precincts 2, 6, 7, 11, 18, and 21.

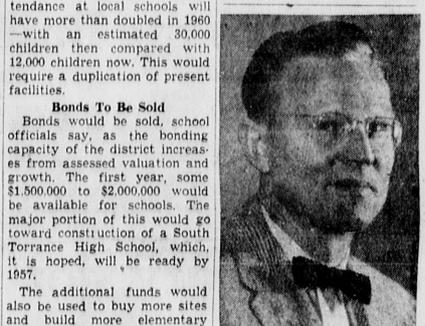
High School Named
Precinct No. 8—Torrance High School, 2200 W. Carson St., including precincts 3, 4, 5, 13, 14, 17, 22, and 64.

Precinct No. 9—Torrance Elementary School, 2005 Martina Ave., including precincts 8, 9, 15, 32, 44, and 54.

Precinct No. 10—Wood Elementary School, 2250 W. 235th St., including precincts 10, 23, 26, and 56.

Precinct No. 11—Walteria Elementary School, 24456 Madison St., including precincts 12, 16, 33, 39, 46, 63, 66, and 67.

Precinct No. 12—Meadow Park



SCOTT ALBRIGHT
... takes post

Scott Albright Succeeds Sowle At Local Plant

Scott Albright of National Supply Co. has been appointed superintendent of industrial relations of the Torrance plant, it was announced last week by J. D. Spalding, works manager.

He succeeds D. M. Sowle, who died May 25.

Albright came to National Supply five years ago as an industrial engineer. More recently he had been staff assistant in the works manager's office.

During World War II, Albright served in a corps of engineers with the rank of first lieutenant, and at one time was identified with the now famous Manhattan project.

A native Californian, he resides with his family at 2512 Sierra St. The family includes his wife, Irene, his son, Dennis, 11, and daughter, Janis, 7.

He has been engaged in local civic and sports activities, including Torrance Toastmasters and the National Supply softball team.

Kid Takes Car For Jumpy, Bumpy Ride

A 13-year-old boy in a stolen car caused quite a rumpus Thursday in Keystone.

Mrs. Mildred J. Smith, 31, of 246 W. 230th., while standing in front of her house, observed an auto approaching in an erratic manner. Waving from side to side, it jumped a curb, bumped Mrs. Smith over a trash can.

The car stopped, and its 13-year-old driver was taken in hand by the sheriff's department.

He explained that he had found the car parked with the key in the ignition, and had decided to take it for safekeeping until the owner called for it.

Pauline Melvin, of Long Beach, the owner, brought no action against the boy.